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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A system that can be used to perform an ophthalmic procedure on a cornea of a patient, comprising:

a patient support that can support the patient;

a light source that can direct a light beam onto the cornea of the patient; and[[,]]

~~an air flow module that can direct~~ means for directing a flow of air above the cornea of the patient from one side of the cornea to another side of the cornea, at a distance so that the cornea is not dehydrated by the flow of air.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a portable stand that supports said airflow module.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a control console that is coupled to said airflow module.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said patient support includes a table.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said light source includes a laser.

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6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said airflow module create a laminar flow of air.
7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein said airflow module includes an adjustable blade.
8. (Currently amended) A system that can be used to perform an ophthalmic procedure on a cornea of a patient, comprising:
- a patient support that can support the patient;
 - a laser that can direct a light beam onto the cornea of the patient;
 - ~~an air flow module that can direct~~ means for directing a flow of air above the cornea of the patient from one side of the cornea to another side of the cornea, at a distance so that the cornea is not dehydrated by the flow of air;
 - a portable stand that supports said air flow module; and[.]
 - a control console that is coupled to said airflow module.
9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein said patient support includes a table.
10. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein said airflow module create a laminar flow of air.

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11. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein said airflow module includes an adjustable blade.

12. (Currently amended) A method for performing an ophthalmic procedure on a cornea of a patient, comprising:

directing a flow of air across the cornea from one side of the cornea to another side of the cornea, at a distance so that the cornea is not de-hydrated by the flow of air;

creating a flap in the cornea;

moving the flap to expose a portion of the cornea;

ablating a portion of the exposed cornea with a laser beam; and[.]]

moving the flap back onto the cornea.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising adjusting a flowrate of the flow of air.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising adjusting a direction of the flow of air.

Please add the following new claims:

15. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the air flow directing means includes an air flow module.

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16. (New) The system of claim 8, wherein the air flow directing means includes an air flow module.